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St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi was born in Florence in 1566. She was taught mental prayer at the request of her mother. She entered the Carmelite Order at the Monastery of St. Mary. She had a personal relationship with Jesus and had many conversations with Him. Her wisdom and love led to her appointment to many important positions, including mistress of novices.

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St. Matthias was chosen as the twelfth apostle as a replacement for Judas. The criteria was the replacement had to have been a disciple from the beginning and baptised by John. The apostles cast lots and Matthias was chosen.

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St. Melania was married in an arranged marriage in her teens. After the deaths of her two children, she and her husband lived a life of celibacy and devoted themselves to doing charitable deeds.

In their travels, they aided many churches and monasteries in Europe on their way to the Middle East. In Egypt, Syria and Jerusalem they founded several monasteries and a convent in which Melania served as the Abbess until her death in 439.

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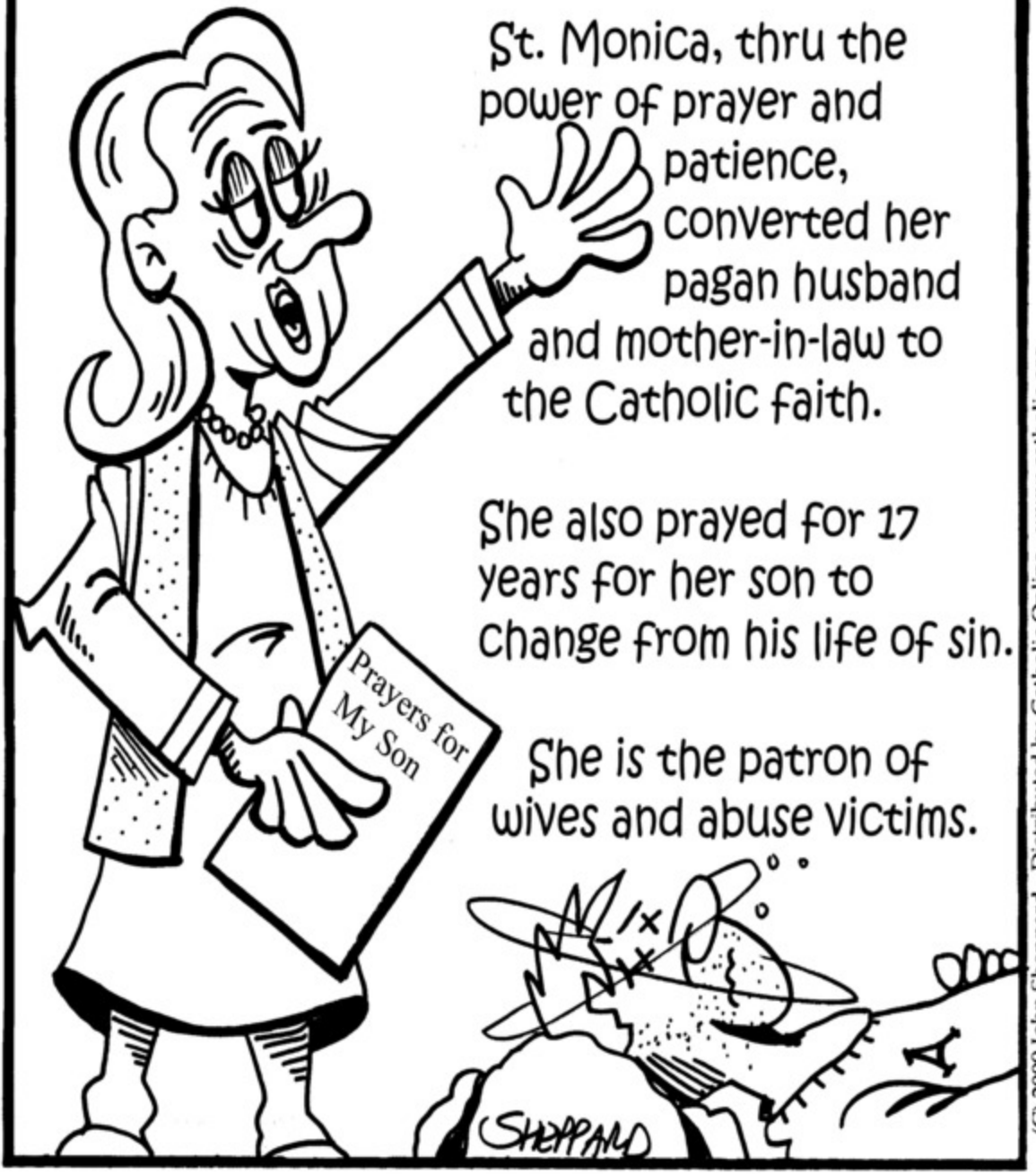
St. Monica, thru the power of prayer and patience, converted her pagan husband and mother-in-law to the Catholic faith.
She also prayed for 17 years for her son to change from his life of sin.
She is the patron of wives and abuse victims.
Prayers for My Son
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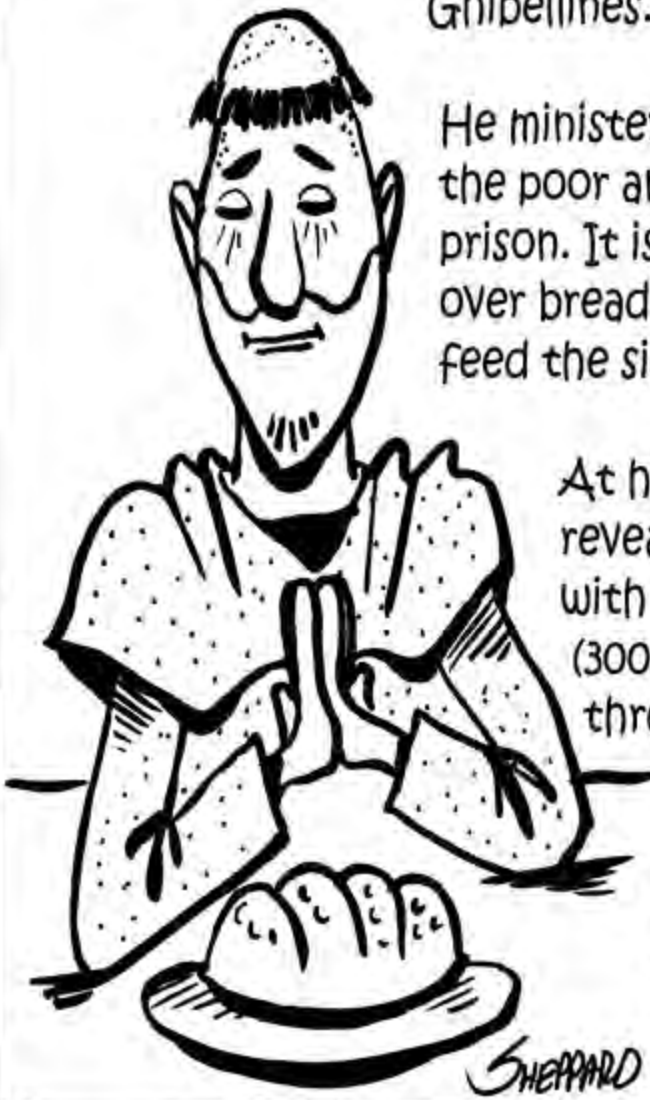
St. Nicholas Tolentine became a monk at age 18 and was ordained a priest by the time he was 25. He is known for his preaching and teaching. He is also known as a peacemaker between the Guelfs and Ghibellines.



He ministered to his flock, helped the poor and visited many in prison. It is said he once prayed over bread and used it to feed the sick and cure them.

At his canonization, it was revealed he was credited with at least three hundred (300) miracles of which three (3) were said to be resurrections.

St. Nicholas is known as the patron saint of holy souls.

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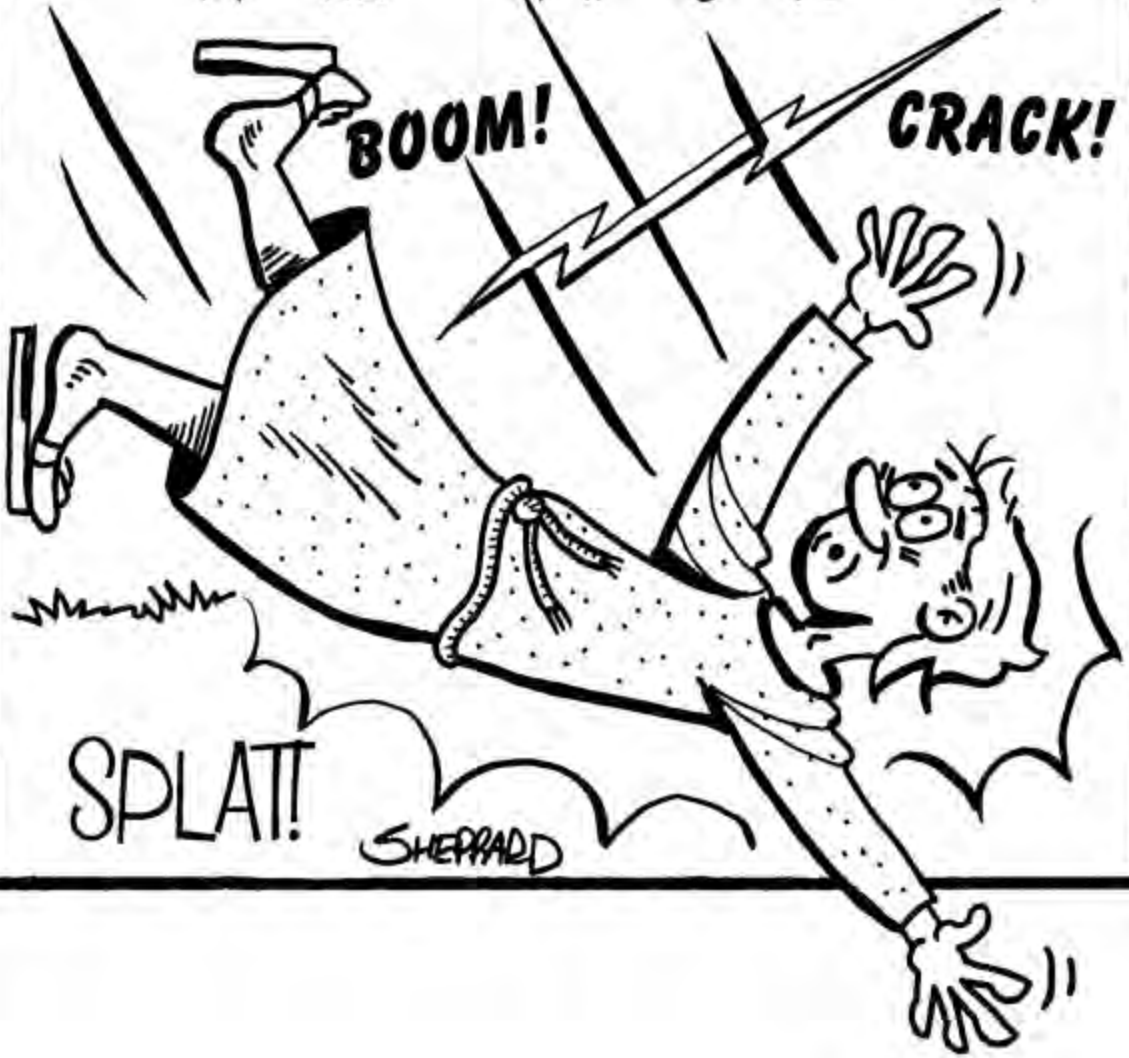
St. Norbert led a carfree life until he was thrown from his horse during a storm. Upon awakening, he heard the words "Turn from evil and do good, see peace and pursue it."

He became a priest and later a bishop, founding many new worship communities following very strict rules.



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St. Odilia and 10 other virgins were killed by barbarians in Cologne, for choosing God and their faith. Through the years, St. Odilia appeared 3 times to Brother John of Eppa to have her remains retrieved. They are currently safe in the Mother House in Huy, Belgium and Onamie, Minnesota. She is the patron siant of the Crosier Fathers and is known to help people with diseases of the eye.

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St. Olympias established a hospital and an orphanage, gave shelter to the expelled monks of Notria and was a firm believer in St. John Chrysostom. Her support for him led her to being exiled in 404 which resulted in her losing her house and living the remainder of her life in exile at Nicodemia.

She died in 408 after a long illness.

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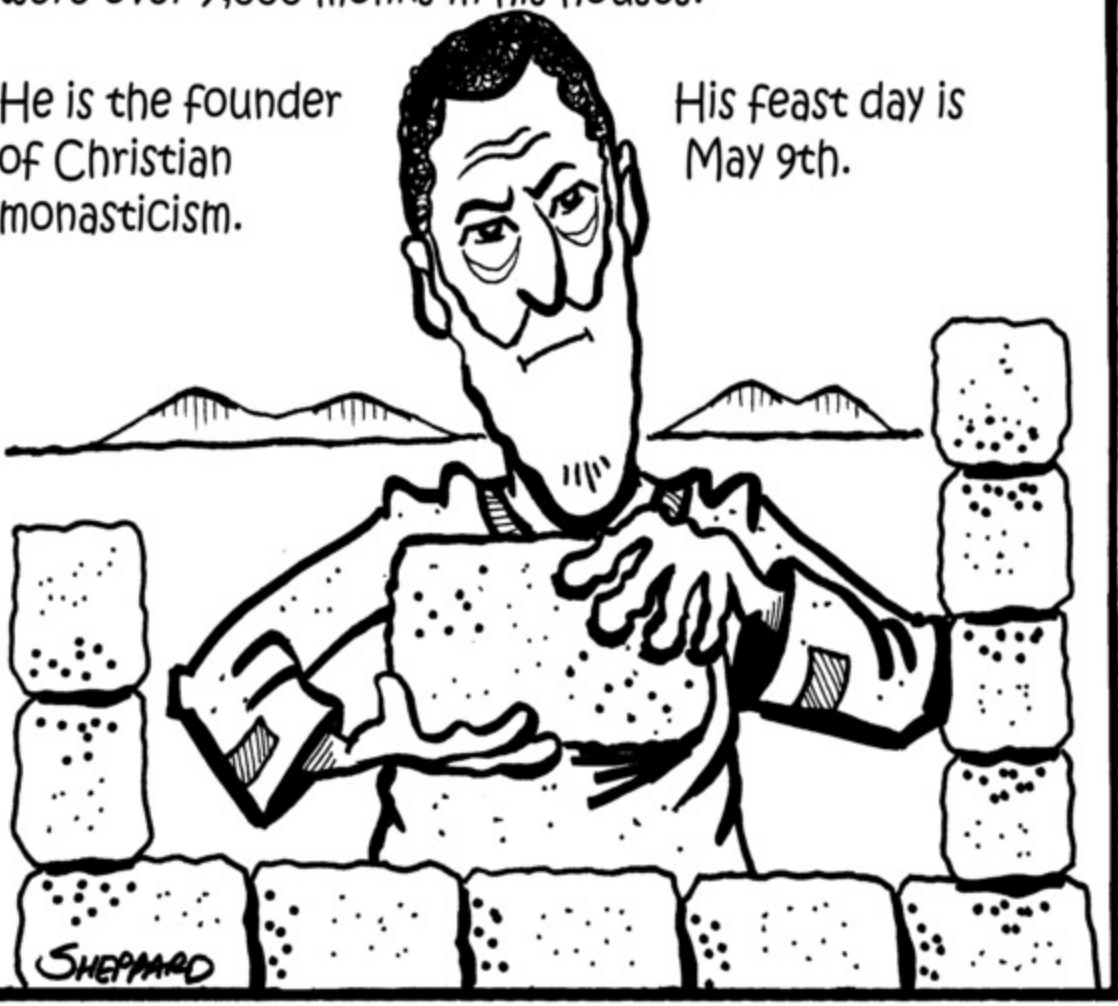
St. Pachomius was an Egyptian soldier who became a Christian after being discharged. Together with Palomen they led a life of extreme austerity and total dedication to God. He built a monastery on the Nile which was the first of ten others! By his death, there were over 7,000 monks in his houses.

He is the founder of Christian monasticism.

His feast day is May 9th.



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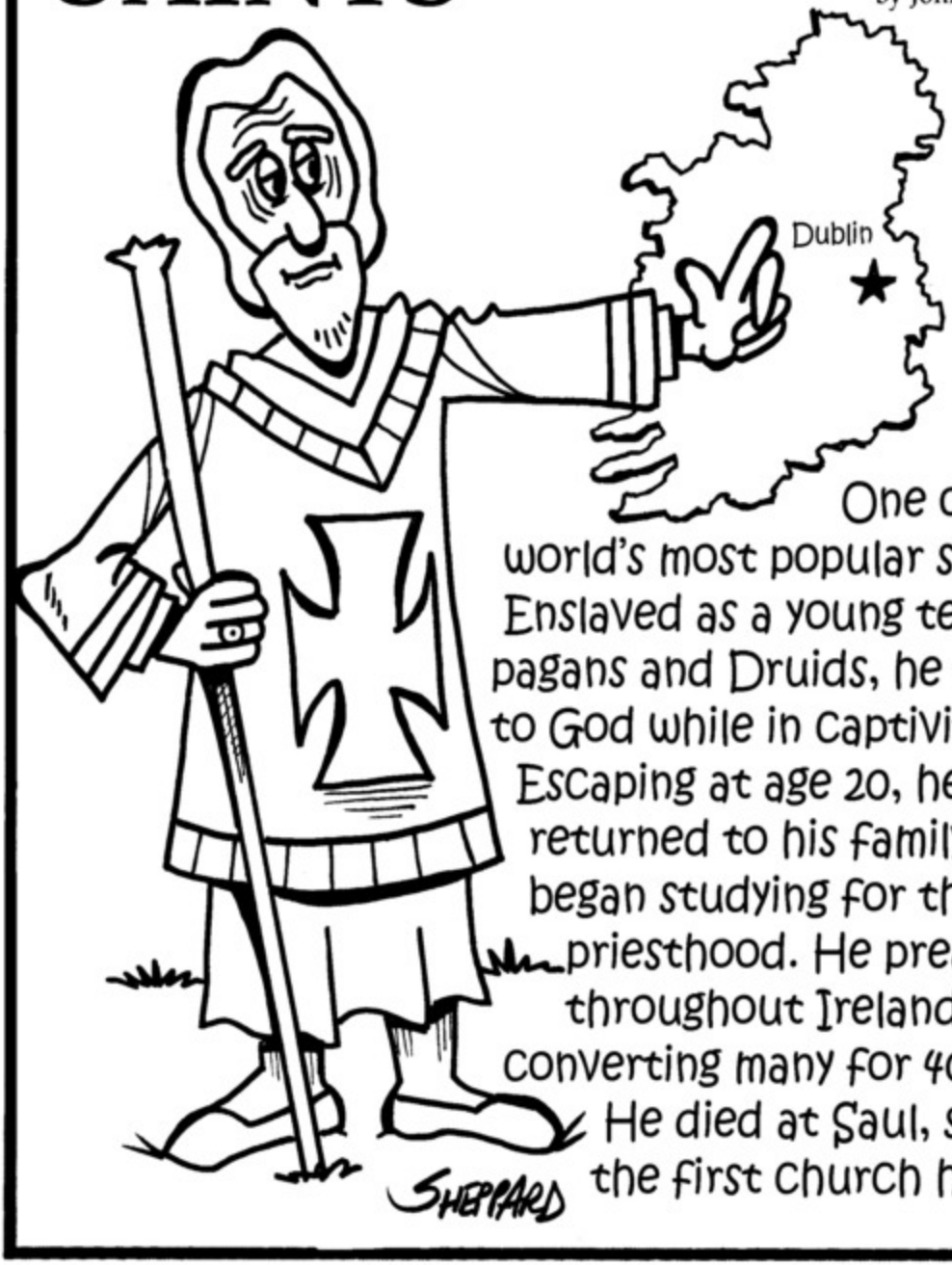

One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

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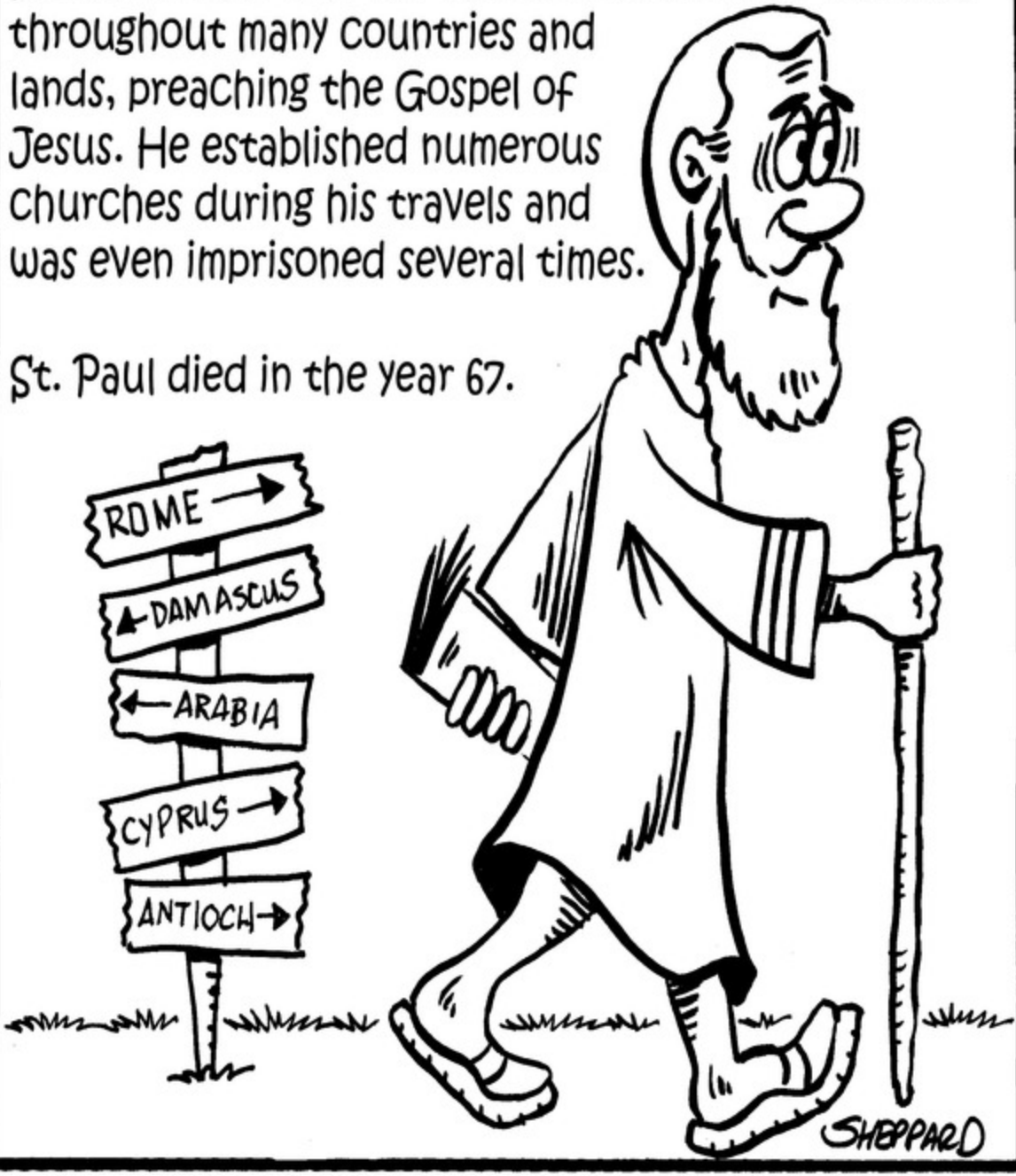
St. Paul was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He was the ultimate missionary, traveling throughout many countries and lands, preaching the Gospel of Jesus. He established numerous churches during his travels and was even imprisoned several times.

St. Paul died in the year 67.



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St. Peter Claver was a Jesuit who dedicated his life to the Negro slaves. He provided food to the newly arrived, cared for the sick and dying and administered the sacraments to them throughout his thirty three years of service.
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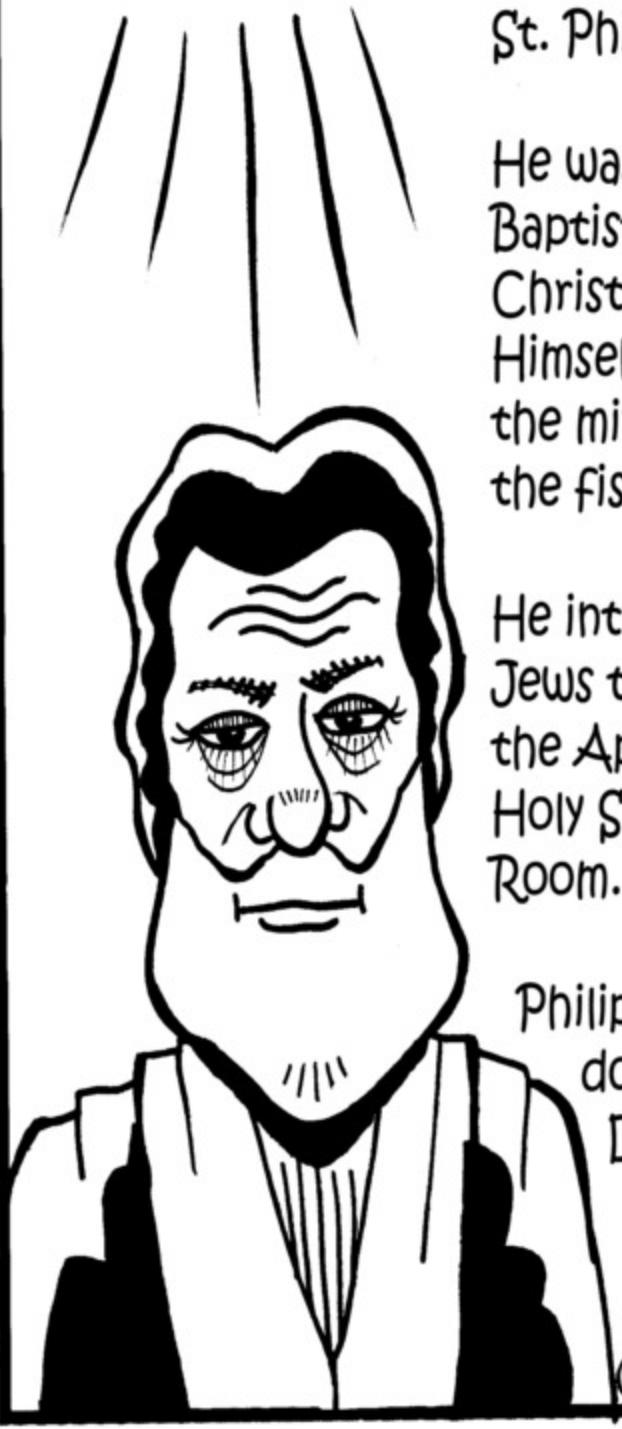

St. Philip was born in Galile.

He was a disciple of John the Baptist and an Apostle of Christ. He was called by Jesus Himself and was present at the miracle of the loaves and the fishes.

He introduced the Hellenistic Jews to Jesus and was one of the Apostles awaiting the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room.

Philip was crucified upside down under Emperor Domitian.

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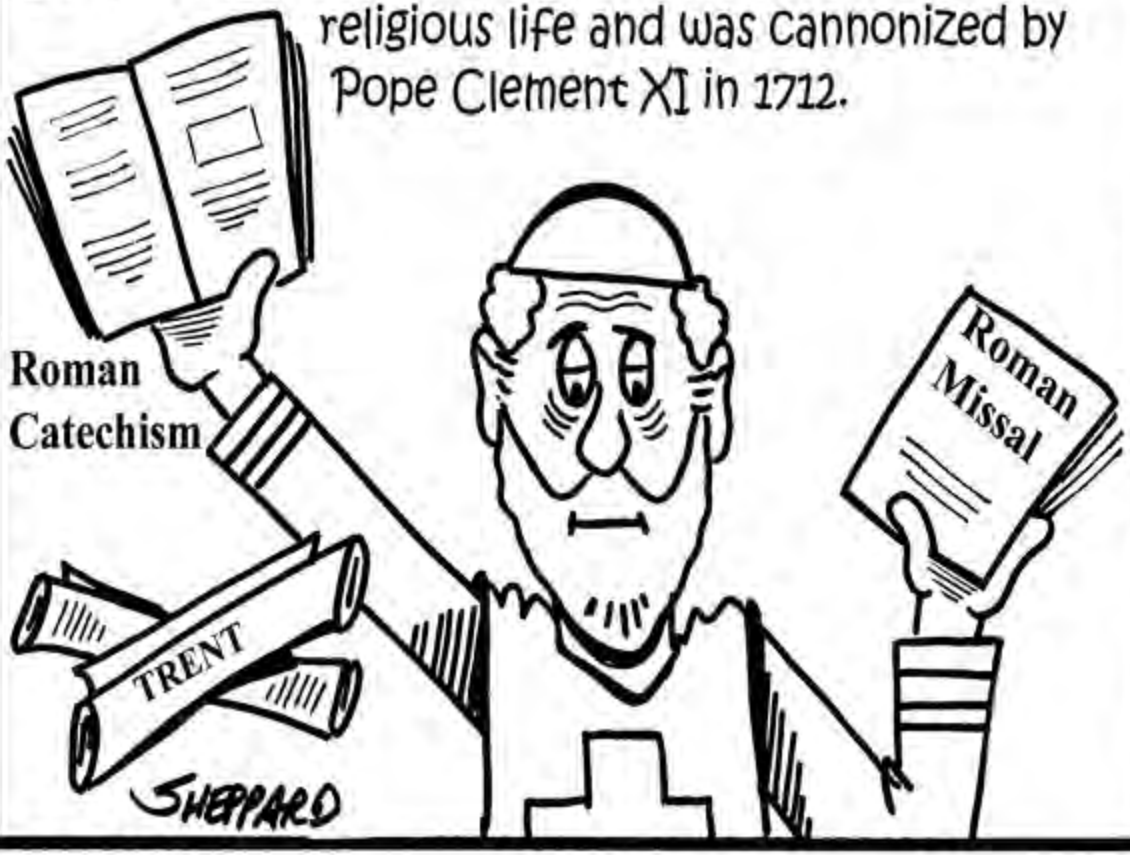
Antonio Ghislieri was born to a poor family. At 14 he joined the Dominicans and was ordained in 1528. Moving swiftly upwards, he was made a Cardinal in 1557. He became Pope Pius V in 1566. He published the Roman Carechism and Missal and implemented the decrees of the Council of Trent. He also joined with Venice and Spain to defeat the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto. He was totally devoted to the religious life and was cannonized by Pope Clement XI in 1712.



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St. Raymond Nonnatus was born in 1204 in Spain. His mother died during childbirth and he was delivered by Caesarian. Nonnatus translates to "not born."

He joined the Order of Mercy and was one of their most illustrious members. As chief ransomer, he traveled to the Barbary coast to free Christian hostages. When his money ran out, he gave himself in exchange for hostages. While being tortured, he converted several of the guards. For this his lips were padlocked.

Upon release he was made Cardinal of Spain. He died almost a year later in the 1240.

He is the patron saint of midwives and expectant mothers.

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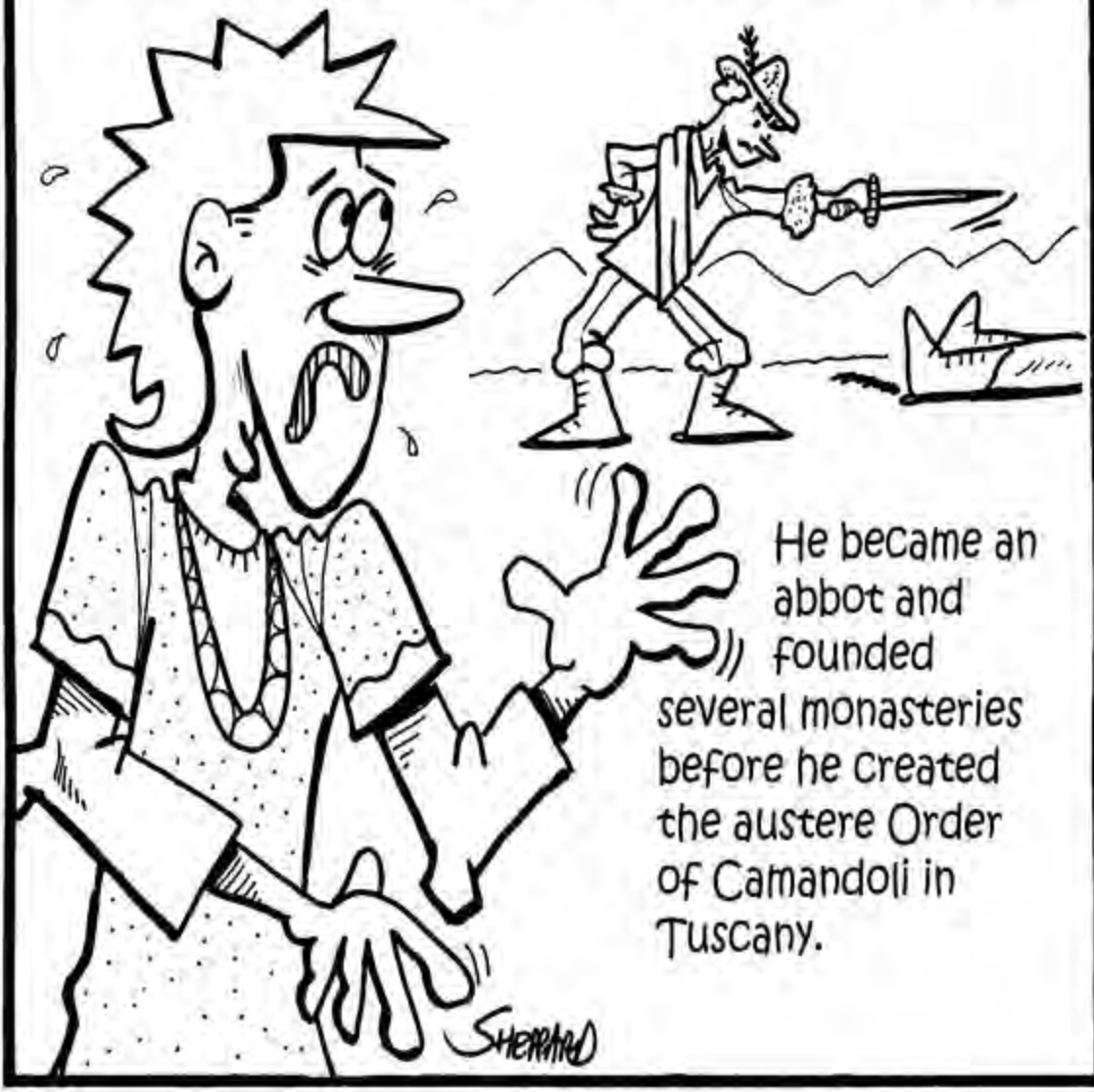
St. Romuald's early life was wasted on earthly pleasures. Upon seeing his father kill a man in a duel, his outlook on life changed and began a new course.



He became an abbot and founded several monasteries before he created the austere Order of Camandoli in Tuscany.

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St. Rose Philipinne Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769.

She was a prominent member of the Society of the Sacred Heart. During the French Revolution she cared for the sick and poor, helped fugitive priests, visited prisons and taught children.

In 1818 Mother Duchesne set out with four other nuns and went to America.

She was the founder of her order in this country.

She set up missions, Indian schools, orphanages and a novitiate for her order.

St. Rose died in 1852.

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St. Sabas ran away from his family as a young boy. He wound up in monastery.

He became a monk, a hermit, a priest and eventually was the leader of all hermits in Palestine.

He is one of the most notable figures of early monastic life.

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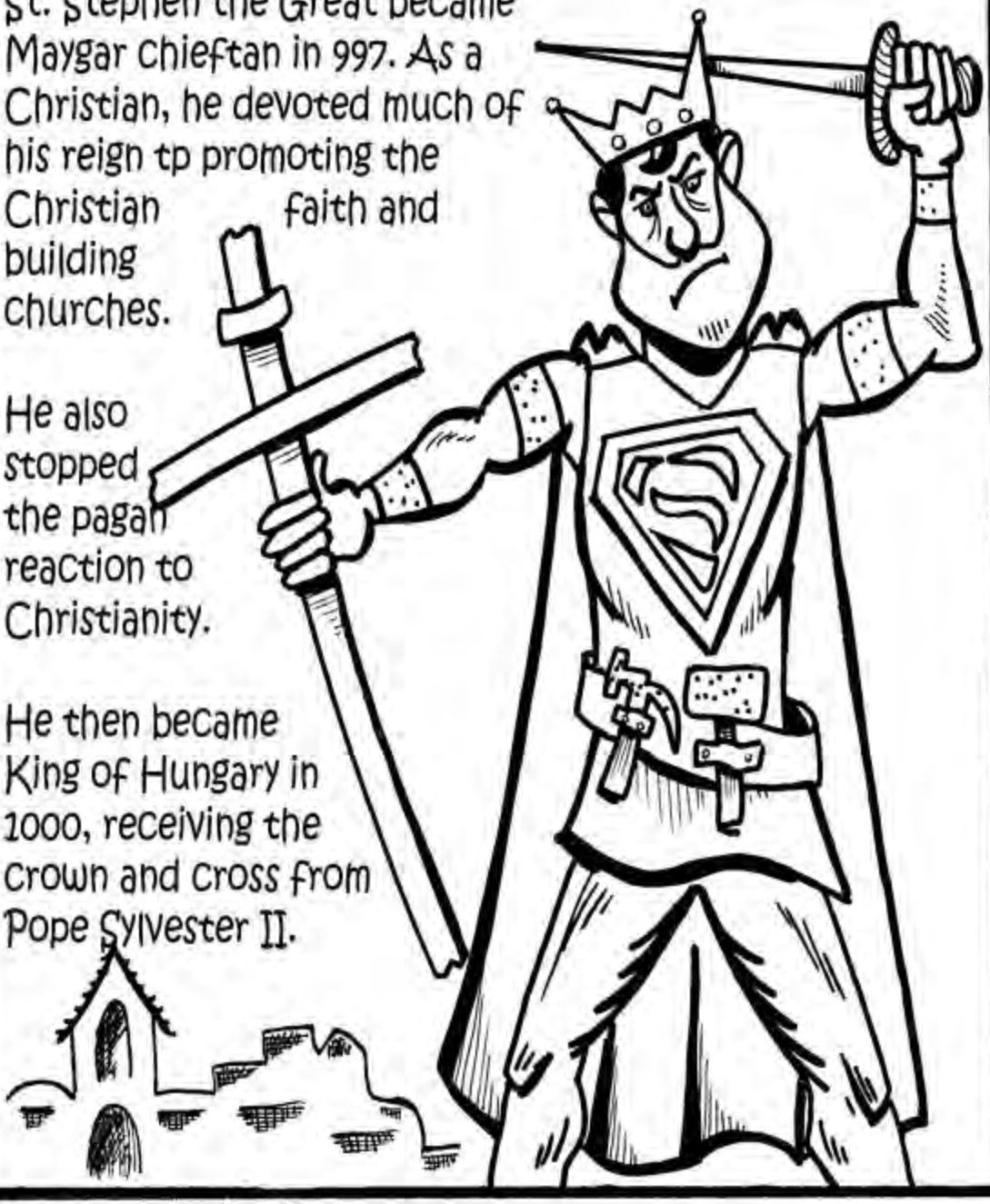
St. Stephen the Great became Maygar chieftan in 997. As a Christian, he devoted much of his reign tp promoting the Christian faith and building churches.

He also stopped the pagan reaction to Christianity.

He then became King of Hungary in 1000, receiving the crown and cross from Pope Sylvester II.



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St. Thomas was one of the original Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. Thomas, unwilling to beieve other Apostles had seen the risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

As the Apostles dispersed, Thomas eventually reached India.

He is the patron saint of architects.

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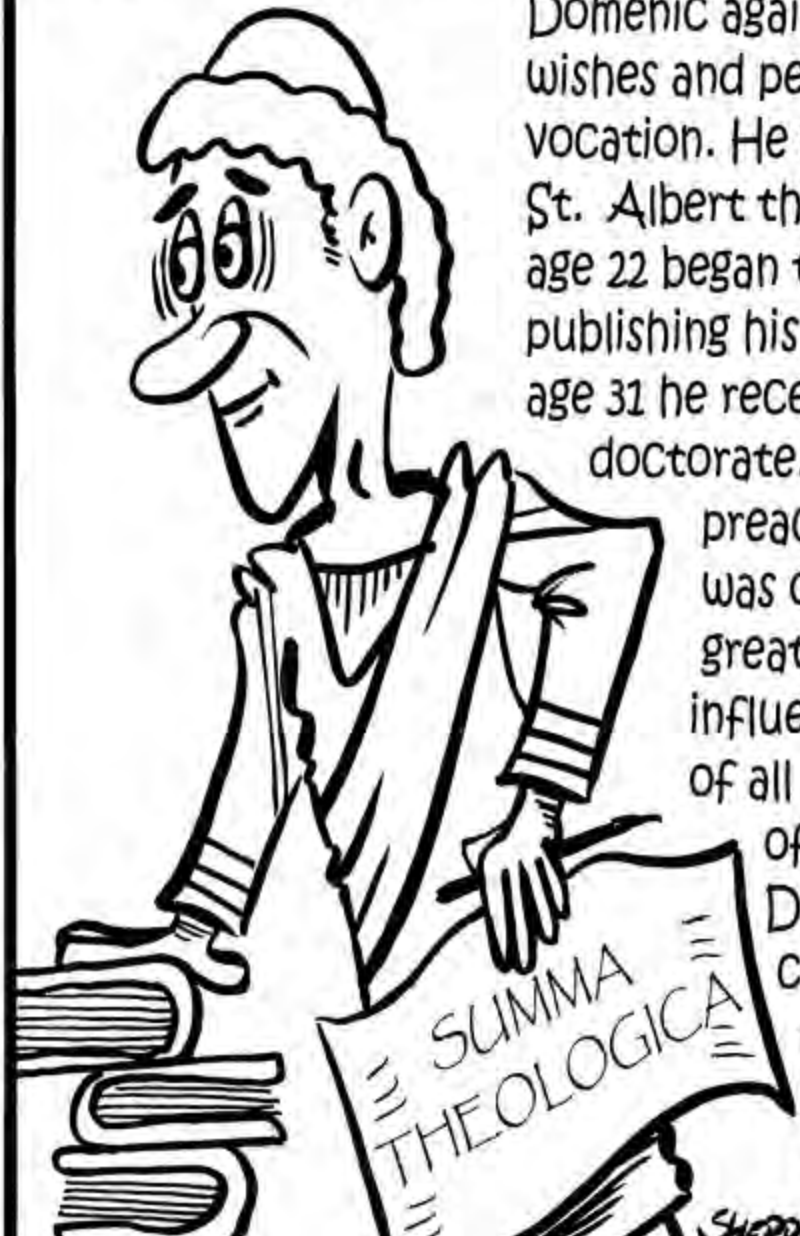
St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St. Domenic against his parents wishes and perserverd in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the church. He is the patron of universities and students.



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A kind hearted Roman priest, he aided young Christians being persecuted by Claudius II and was imprisoned. While in custody, he converted 46 members of a guards family to Christianity! Upon finding out that, Claudius sentenced him to death. He is the patron of love, young people and happy marriage.

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